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THE ELABORATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION IN THOSE COUNTRIES
EXPERIENCING SERIOUS DROUGHT AND/OR
DESERTIFICATION, PARTICULARLY IN AFRICA
Resumed Tenth session
Geneva, 18-22 August 1997
Agenda item 1

AGENDA AND PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK FOR THE RESUMED TENTH SESSION

Note by the Secretariat

Agenda

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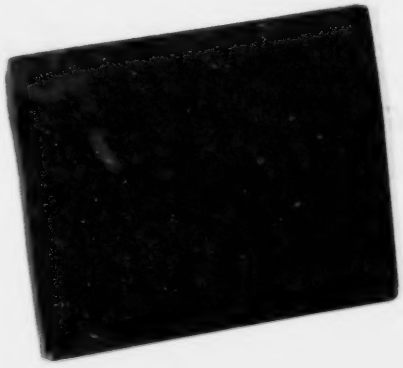

Annotations to the agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

In accordance with the decision 10/14 of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for Desertification (INCD), taken at the first part of its tenth session, the resumed tenth session will take place at the United Nations Office at Geneva on 18-22 August 1997. The agenda remains the same as that adopted on 6 January 1997 for the first part of the tenth session. A tentative schedule of work is provided in Annex II.

Annex I lists the documentation available for the resumed tenth session, including documents being prepared for the first session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 1). In addition to normal distribution, all documents can be accessed on the Secretariat's world web site at the following address on the internet: <http://www.unccd.ch>

A meeting of the Bureau, joined by the chairs of regional and other interest groups, will be held at 10:00 A.M. on 18 August 1997. The session will then open at 3:00 P.M. on 18 August. At that time, there will be statements by the Chairman of the Committee and the Executive Secretary, who will present an overview of issues before the session and introduce documentation. Other opening statements will follow as well as reports on the status of ratification and accession. Under this agenda item, the Committee will also review document A/AC.241/L.5/Add.3 and A/AC.241/9/Add.14 on the accreditation of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.

The opening plenary will continue on the morning of 19 August, followed by meetings of regional and other interest groups for the remainder of that day. Annex II gives the tentative schedule of plenary meetings for the rest of the session.

2. Preparation for the Conference of the Parties

Under this item, the Committee may wish to review the logistical aspects of the COP 1, hear a report from the Executive Secretary on parallel events being organized and consider the handling of outstanding substantive issues, particularly the following:

Designation of a Permanent Secretariat and arrangements for its functioning: physical location - the Chairman of the Committee will report on any discussions in the contact group established by INCD decision 9/2. On that basis, the Committee can discuss the modalities of taking a decision on this issue at the COP 1 in accordance with paragraph 2 of Article 23 of the Convention.

Identification of an organization to house the Global Mechanism - the Committee may wish to hold a preliminary discussion of the revised offers of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to host the Global Mechanism, contained in document ICCD/COP(1)/5, and other relevant information, and consider how to organize the discussion of this issue at the COP 1.

Programme and Budget - the Committee may undertake a preliminary review of the proposed programme and budget for the biennium 1998-1999 contained in documents ICCD/COP(1)/3, ICCD/COP(1)/3/Add.1 and ICCD/COP(1)/4 and consider how to organize the discussion of this item at COP 1.

Rules of Procedure - the Committee can consider how to deal with outstanding issues relating to the draft rules (document ICCD/COP(1)/2), particularly as they relate to the election of the Bureau for COP 1.

Committee on Science and Technology - the Committee will have available documents ICCD/COP(1)/CST/1, ICCD/COP(1)/CST/2, ICCD/COP(1)/CST/3, ICCD/COP(1)/CST/4 and ICCD/COP(1)/CST/5 prepared for the first session of the Committee on Science and Technology and, if available, ICCD/COP(1)/CST/2/Add.1 and ICCD/COP(1)/CST/3/Add.1. It may, in particular, wish to consider how to handle the discussion during COP 1 of the reports on bids on the survey and evaluation of existing networks as well as on benchmarks and indicators. It may also wish to express views on the provisional agenda and organisation of work (ICCD/COP(1)/CST/1).

3. Special action: urgent action for Africa and actions taken in the Asian, Latin American and the Caribbean, and Northern Mediterranean regions

The Plenary will consider how to organise the discussion at COP 1 on measures taken to implement the resolution on urgent measures for Africa, as well as actions taken in the Asian, Latin American and the Caribbean and Northern Mediterranean regions.

4. Status of signature and ratification of the Convention

The Executive Secretary will present a status report on this item. The Committee may wish to consider whether any further action is required to promote ratification and accession.

5. Review of the situation as regards extrabudgetary funds

The Committee will have before it document ICCD/COP(1)/4 on the situation as regards extrabudgetary funds, prepared for COP 1 by the Secretariat. The Committee may wish to discuss how to organise the discussion of this item at the Conference of the Parties in the context of overall consideration of the programme and budget for the biennium 1998-1999.

6. Adoption of the report of the resumed tenth session

The report of the first part of the tenth session is contained in document A/52/82. A draft report on the work of the resumed tenth session will be presented for consideration by the Committee, in accordance with established practice.

ANNEX I

List of documents for the resumed part of the tenth session

A/AC.241/71	Agenda and proposed organization of work for the resumed tenth session
A/AC.241/9/Add.14	List of non-governmental organisations recommended for accreditation or observer status
A/AC.241/L.5/Add.3	Recommendation regarding intergovernmental organizations

List of documents prepared for the first session of the Conference of the Parties

ICCD/COP(1)/1	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
ICCD/COP(1)/2	Draft decisions for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties
ICCD/COP(1)/3	Programme and budget
ICCD/COP(1)/3/Add.1	Programme and budget: budget estimates for 1999
ICCD/COP(1)/4	Review of the situation as regards extrabudgetary funds
ICCD/COP(1)/5	Global Mechanism: compilation of revised offers of International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
ICCD/COP(1)/6	Proposed roster of independent experts
ICCD/COP(1)/7	Urgent action in Africa and interim measures: compilation of information
ICCD/COP(1)/8	List of non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations recommended for accreditation or observer status

List of documents prepared for the first session of the Committee on Science and Technology

ICCD/COP(1)/CST/1	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work of the CST
ICCD/COP(1)/CST/2	Survey and evaluation of existing networks
ICCD/COP(1)/CST/2/Add.1	Supplementary report on survey and evaluation of existing networks
ICCD/COP(1)/CST/3	Report on work on benchmarks and indicators
ICCD/COP(1)/CST/3/Add.1	Supplementary report on work on benchmarks and indicators
ICCD/COP(1)/CST/4	Report on work of other bodies performing work similar to that envisaged for the CST
ICCD/COP(1)/CST/5	Reports on modalities and timing of future work on inventories of research and traditional knowledge; establishment of research priorities

Other documents for reference at the first session of the Conference of the Parties

A/AC.241/44	Designation of a permanent Secretariat and arrangements for its functioning: administrative arrangements
A/AC.241/54/Add.1	Designation of a Permanent Secretariat and arrangements for its functioning: physical location -Offer of the Government of Canada
A/AC.241/54/Add.2	Designation of a Permanent Secretariat and arrangements for its functioning: physical location- Offer of the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany

A/AC.241/54/Add.3	Designation of a Permanent Secretariat and arrangements for its functioning: physical location- Offer of the Government of Spain
A/AC.241/55	Designation of a Permanent Secretariat and arrangements for its functioning: administrative arrangements
A/AC.241/55/Add.1	Designation of a Permanent Secretariat and arrangements for its functioning: administrative arrangements - Offer of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
A/AC.241/55/Add.2	Designation of a Permanent Secretariat and arrangements for its functioning: administrative arrangements - Offer of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
A/AC.241/63	Designation of a Permanent Secretariat and arrangements for its functioning: physical location

Other documents:

Fifth session

A/AC.241/27	Final text of the Convention

Sixth session

A/AC.241/28	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
A/AC.241/29	Work programme for the interim period and preparation for the Conference of the Parties
A/AC.241/30 & Add.1	Compilation of information on implementation of the resolution on urgent measures for Africa
A/AC.241/31	Review of the situation as regards extrabudgetary funds

Seventh session

A/AC.241/32	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
A/AC.241/33	Identification of an organization to house the Global Mechanism
A/AC.241/34	Designation of a permanent Secretariat and arrangements for its functioning
A/AC.241/35	Draft financial rules of the Conference of the Parties, its subsidiary bodies and the Permanent Secretariat
A/AC.241/36	Programme and budget
A/AC.241/37	Organization of scientific and technical cooperation
A/AC.241/38	Draft rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties
A/AC.241/39	Procedures for communication of information and review of implementation
A/AC.241/40	Implementation of urgent action for Africa and action in other regions: compilation of information
A/AC.241/41	Review of the situation as regards extrabudgetary funds
A/AC.241/41/Add.1	Review of the situation as regards extrabudgetary funds
A/AC.241/9/Add.10	List of non-governmental organizations recommended for accreditation

Eighth session

A/AC.241/42	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
A/AC.241/43	Identification of an organization to house the Global Mechanism
A/AC.241/45	Draft financial rules of the Conference of the Parties, its subsidiary bodies and the Permanent Secretariat
A/AC.241/46	Programme and budget
A/AC.241/47	Organization of scientific and technical cooperation
A/AC.241/48	Draft rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties
A/AC.241/49	Procedures for communication of information and review of implementation
A/AC.241/50	Procedures to resolve questions on implementation
A/AC.241/51	Procedures for conciliation and arbitration
A/AC.241/52	Review of the situation as regards extrabudgetary funds
A/AC.241/52/Add.1	Review of the situation as regards extrabudgetary funds
A/AC.241/9/Add.11	List of non-governmental organizations recommended for accreditation

Ninth session

A/AC.241/53	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
A/AC.241/53/Corr.1	Corrigendum of document A/AC.241/53 - Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
A/AC.241/54	Designation of a Permanent Secretariat and arrangements for its functioning: physical location
A/AC.241/55/Add.3	Designation of a Permanent Secretariat and arrangements for its functioning: administrative arrangements - Offer of the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO)
A/AC.241/45/Rev.1	Draft financial rules of the Conference of the Parties, its subsidiary bodies and the Permanent Secretariat
A/AC.241/56	Identification of an organization to house the Global Mechanism
A/AC.241/57	Organization of scientific and technical cooperation
A/AC.241/48/Rev.1	Draft rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties
A/AC.241/49/Rev.1	Procedures for communication of information and review of implementation
A/AC.241/58	Report on work being done on benchmarks and indicators to measure progress in the implementation of the Convention
A/AC.241/59	Review of the situation as regards extrabudgetary funds
A/AC.241/9/Add.12	List of non-governmental organizations recommended for accreditation

Tenth session

A/AC.241/62	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
A/AC.241/63	Designation of a Permanent Secretariat and arrangements for its functioning: physical location
A/AC.241/64	Designation of a Permanent Secretariat and arrangements for its functioning: administrative arrangements
A/AC.241/65	Programme and budget
A/AC.241/66	Report on a draft proposed programme of work for the Committee on Science and Technology
A/AC.241/48/Rev.2	Draft Rules of procedure for the Conference of the Parties

A/AC.241/67	Report on work of other bodies performing work similar to that envisaged for the Committee on Science and Technology
A/AC.241/68	Report on work being done on benchmarks and indicators to measure progress in implementation of the Convention, its subsidiary bodies and Permanent Secretariat
A/AC.241/69	Review of the situation as regards extrabudgetary funds
A/AC.241/9/Add.13	List of non-governmental organisations recommended for accreditation
A/AC.241/70	Note verbale dated 17 January 1997 from the Permanent Mission of Oman to the United Nations addressed to the Secretariat of the Convention to Combat Desertification

Report of past INCD sessions:

A/49/84/Add.2	Report of the INCD on its fifth session
A/50/74	Report of the INCD on its sixth session
A/50/74/Add.1	Report of the INCD on its seventh session
A/50/76	Report of the INCD on its eighth session
A/51/76/Add.1	Report of the INCD on its ninth session
A/52/82	Report of the INCD on its tenth session

General Assembly resolutions:

Resolution 47/188 of 2 December 1992

- Establishment of an intergovernmental negotiating committee for the elaboration of an international convention to combat desertification in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa

Resolution 48/191 of 21 December 1993

- Elaboration of an international convention to combat desertification in countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa

Resolution 49/115 of 19 December 1994

- Observance of World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought

Resolution 49/234 of 23 December 1994

- Elaboration of an international convention to combat desertification in countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa

Resolution 50/112 of 20 December 1995

- Elaboration of an international convention to combat desertification in countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa.

Resolution 51/180 of 16 December 1996

- Elaboration of an international convention to combat desertification in countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa.

Any relevant resolutions of the General Assembly at its resumed fifty-first session.

ANNEX II

Tentative schedule of work for the Resumed Session of INCD X

Date	Plenary
Monday, 18 August **A.M.10:00**	Extended Bureau
P.M.15:00	Adoption of agenda and organisation of work (A/AC.241/71) Opening statements; status of signature and ratification; NGO & IGO accreditation; report on parallel events for COP 1
Tuesday, 19 August **A.M. 10:00**	Preparation for COP 1
P.M. 15:00	Regional meetings
Wednesday, 20 August **A.M.10:00**	Preparation for COP 1
P.M.15:00	Special Action
Thursday, 21 August **A.M.10:00**	Report of situation as regards extrabudgetary funds
P.M.15:00	- - -
Friday, 22 August **A.M. 10:00**	Adoption of report of resumed tenth session
P.M: 15:00	- - -